

1246 (XIII). Status of the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Having recommended, by its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, that the Mandated Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System, and having repeatedly invited the Government of the Union of South Africa to propose, for the consideration of the General Assembly, a trusteeship agreement for South West Africa,

Having accepted, by its resolution 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, the advisory opinion of 11 July 1950 of the International Court of Justice on the question of South West Africa,³

Considering that, in accordance with Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations, all Mandated Territories which have not achieved independence have been brought under the International Trusteeship System, with the sole exception of the Territory of South West Africa,

1. *Reiterates* its resolutions 65 (I) of 14 December 1946, 141 (II) of 1 November 1947, 227 (III) of 26 November 1948, 337 (IV) of 6 December 1949, 449 B (V) of 13 December 1950, 570 B (VI) of 19 January 1952, 749 B (VIII) of 28 November 1953, 852 (IX) of 23 November 1954, 940 (X) of 3 December 1955, 1055 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1141 (XII) of 25 October 1957, to the effect that the Territory of South West Africa be placed under the International Trusteeship System;

2. *Asserts* that, in the present conditions of political and economic development of South West Africa, the normal way of modifying the international status of the Territory is to place it under the International Trusteeship System by means of a trusteeship agreement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations.

*778th plenary meeting,
30 October 1958.*

1247 (XIII). Legal action to ensure the fulfilment of the obligations assumed by the Union of South Africa in respect to the Territory of South West Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 449 A (V) of 13 December 1950, 1060 (XI) of 26 February 1957 and 1142 (XII) of 25 October 1957,

Having received from the Committee on South West Africa a further report⁷ on the question of securing from the International Court of Justice advisory opinions in regard to the administration of South West Africa,

Decides to resume further consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

*778th plenary meeting,
30 October 1958.*

⁷ *Ibid.*, part II.

1253 (XIII). The future of Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1182 (XII) of 29 November 1957,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations Commissioner for the Supervision of the Elections in the Trust Territory of Togoland under French Administration⁸ on the organization, conduct and results of the elections which took place on 27 April 1958 in the Territory,

Taking note of Trusteeship Council resolution 1921 (S-VIII) of 17 October 1958,

Taking note of the statements made by the representative of France and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Togoland during the thirteenth session of the General Assembly,⁹

Noting further the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Deputies of the Republic of Togoland on 23 October 1958,¹⁰

1. *Notes* that the Governments of France and of the Republic of Togoland have decided, by mutual agreement, that Togoland shall attain independence in 1960, in accordance with the wishes of the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland;

2. *Expresses its high appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Commissioner and his staff;

3. *Congratulates* France and the authorities and people of Togoland on their achievements in Togoland, which enable the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System to be attained;

4. *Resolves accordingly*, in agreement with the Administering Authority, that on the day which will be agreed upon between the Government of France and the Government of Togoland, and on which the Republic of Togoland becomes independent in 1960, the Trusteeship Agreement approved by the General Assembly on 13 December 1946 shall cease to be in force, in accordance with Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations.

*780th plenary meeting,
14 November 1958.*

1254 (XIII). Assistance to Togoland under French administration

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the wish expressed by the Chamber of Deputies of Togoland on 23 October 1958 that assistance should be given to Togoland by the United Nations,¹⁰

Having taken note of the undertaking given by the representative of France at the 784th meeting of the Fourth Committee that the Administering Authority will transmit and facilitate the requests of the Government of Togoland for United Nations assistance through normal procedures,

⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/3957.

⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Fourth Committee, 782nd meeting.*

¹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 40, document A/C.4/382.*

Taking note of the important assistance already given by France to the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration,

Considering the useful and constructive role that the United Nations and the specialized agencies have played in the past in assisting various countries in their development plans,

Recalling the recent establishment of the Special Fund and of the Economic Commission for Africa,

Considering that requests for assistance to Trust Territories deserve sympathetic consideration by the United Nations,

Invites the Secretary-General, the Special Fund, the Technical Assistance Board and the specialized agencies to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance concerning Togoland, submitted through the Administering Authority.

*780th plenary meeting,
14 November 1958.*

1274 (XIII). Attainment of self-government or independence by Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and subsequent resolutions on the same subject, inviting the Administering Authority of each Trust Territory, *inter alia*, to estimate the period of time in which it would attain self-government or independence, and recommending that the Administering Authorities take the necessary measures for the attainment of this goal at an early date,

Having examined part I, chapter V, of the report of the Trusteeship Council,¹¹

1. *Notes* that by the measures already taken or to be taken by some Administering Authorities in consultation with the United Nations and the peoples of the Territories concerned, Togoland under French administration, the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration, the Cameroons under French administration, Somaliland under Italian administration and Western Samoa under New Zealand administration, are expected to achieve in 1960 the objective of the Trusteeship System laid down in Article 76 b of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Administering Authorities concerned to formulate, in respect of the remaining Trust Territories, early successive intermediate targets and dates in the fields of political, economic, social and educational development of these Territories so as to create, as soon as possible, the pre-conditions for the attainment of self-government or independence;

3. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 558 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 1064 (XI) of 26 February 1957, 1207 (XII) of 13 December 1957 and other pertinent resolutions on the same subject, and once again urges the Administering Authorities to implement the terms of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

*782nd plenary meeting,
5 December 1958.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 4, (A/3822), vol. I.

1275 (XIII). Effects of the European Economic Community on the development of certain Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 1210 (XII) of 13 December 1957,

Noting with concern that the Administering Authorities having thus far submitted no information on the possible effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration,

Considering that the association of Trust Territories with the European Economic Community may have a significant impact upon their development towards independence or self-government,

1. *Requests again* the Administering Authorities to include in their annual reports information concerning the effects of the association with the European Economic Community of the Trust Territories under their administration on the economic development of these Territories and on their development towards independence or self-government;

2. *Requests* the Trusteeship Council to examine this question at its next session and to report to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session;

3. *Resolves* to resume consideration of this question at its fourteenth session.

*782nd plenary meeting,
5 December 1958.*

1276 (XIII). Dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the opinions expressed in its resolutions 556 (VI) of 18 January 1952 and 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 that it is essential that the peoples of the Trust Territories should receive adequate information concerning the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System,

Recalling that in resolution 754 (VIII) the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to initiate at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the suggestions furnished by the Administering Authorities or of his own knowledge of appropriate information channels, or by making use of both of these sources together, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in Trust Territories,

Noting the report submitted by the Secretary-General to the Trusteeship Council¹² under Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948,

1. *Considers* that the task of dissemination of information on the United Nations and on the International Trusteeship System could be substantially facilitated by the establishment of United Nations information centres in or near the Trust Territories;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the report of the Committee of Experts on United Nations Public Information¹³ and the decision, if any,

¹² *Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 10, document T/1378.

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 55, document A/3928.